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3630 "The Maharajah of Tagore is the owner of vast estates, and the possessor of magnificent palaces in Calcutta. Though a prince of high rank, he is as genial and unpretentious a gentleman as could be found in the humbler ranks of life. Through a letter from our consul I was enabled to visit him. He speaks English fluently, is well informed on current subjects, and entertains with exceeding generosity and courtesy.

It was during a third visit and by appointment, that this stereograph of His Highness was made. He wears his splendid state dress with jewelled sword and other precious badges of rank. His turban of costly fabric has a tuft of plumes tipped with rare gems. The front of the turban gleams with a cluster of brilliants. His side arms are encrusted with diamonds of the first water. His necklace of several strands includes many shells and rare and precious stones. The robe is of satin edged with gold and the sash a miracle of needlework. He has just arisen from a richly carved chair of solid satinwood; the draperies about the room are of the finest material, the product of the most cunning loom-craft.

I ventured a query as to the value of the gems on his person. He smiled benignantly and replied, 'It is very difficult to tell, because some of them are heirlooms, but I think a moderate estimate would be four lacs of rupees' (\$200,000.) But more beautiful than the gems on his person or the gorgeous palace in which he lived was the unaffected, unassuming naturalness of his bearing. I could but feel that many a purse-proud westerner might profit by the example of the Maharaja of Tagore." (Extract from India through the Stereoscope by James Ricalton.)

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The Maharaja of Tagore in costume worth \$200,000 at his palace, Calcutta, India.

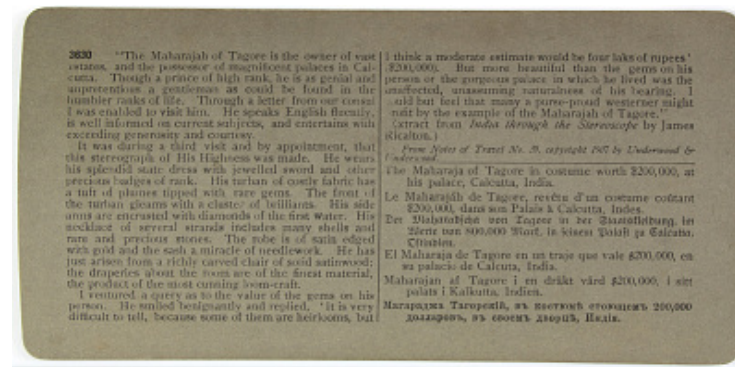
Le Maharajah de Tagore, revêtu d'un costume coûtant \$200,000, dans son Palais à Calcutta, Indes.

Der Maharadscha von Tagore in der Staatskleidung, im Werte von 800,000 Mark, in seinem Palast zu Calcutta, Ostindien.

El Maharaja de Tagore en un traje que vale \$200,000, en su palacio de Calcuta, India.

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